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## **Washington State Kiwanis Law Enforcement Camp**

The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Washington State Kiwanis Law Enforcement Camp is scheduled to be held at the Washington State Patrol Academy June 26 through July 2, 2005. This academy is paid for by the Kiwanis Club.

The purpose of the camp is to provide selected high school juniors and seniors with an interest in a career in law enforcement, an opportunity to explore the various areas of job opportunities in that field. It offers exposure to problems encountered by law enforcement officers on a daily basis and instruction on how to handle these situations in a professional manner.

The Washington State Patrol and other police departments provide officers as staff to instruct and to be counselors to the students. We also have guest speakers from various agencies to provide first hand information to the students. This gives students a variety of experiences and expertise in other areas of federal, state, county, and local law enforcement.

Some of the most popular classes are demonstrations of our SWAT, K-9, driving course, and defensive tactics.

It has always been of interest that the students rate "discipline" with high marks and even request it to a greater degree. With each class, close bonds are formed and lasting friendships are made.

If you know any juniors or seniors in high school with a driver's license that may be considering law enforcement as a career, please let them know about this academy.

For additional information on the camp, please contact Trooper Michael Richmond at the WSP Academy at (360) 426-1661, extension 124, or E-mail [Michael.Richmond@wsp.wa.gov](mailto:Michael.Richmond@wsp.wa.gov)

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